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Disability Commission Minutes 11/16/05

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 16, 2005

Members Present: Lin Baker, Tom Boudreau, Barbara Cutler, Joseph Giurleo,
Barbara Jones, Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Susan James, Louis Krodel, and Kevin O'Brien

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2005:

Barbara C. read the meeting minutes to the Commission Members. Tom made a motion seconded by Joe to approve the meeting minutes of October 19, 2005. SO VOTED

Dallin School Construction:

Jack said that Bruce Bruneau, Access Specialist, and Jeffrey Dougan, Assistant Director for Community Services, have scheduled an accessibility survey at the Dallin Elementary School for November 23, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. Also expected to participate in the survey will be Stefan Chaires, D.R.A. Inc., Lin Baker, Commission on Disability, and Jack Jones, ADA Coordinator.

Universal Design:

Barbara C. referred to an article that appeared in the Boston Globe regarding the need to build accessible housing. Barbara said that housing to be constructed at the former Symmes Hospital site should include universal design. Barbara also said that as a Commission on Disability the Commissioner's should promote this type of housing. Maureen agreed to send an article to the Arlington Advocate listing some of the benefits to universally designed homes.

Community Development Update:

Jack said that the tot lot at Alan McClennen Jr. Park is fully accessible.

Other Business:

The Commission discussed a policy on member absences from meetings. Jack said that a process to deal with member absences is included in the By-Laws.

Legislative Update:

Barbara C. talked about universal health care. Barbara said that in her opinion there will be some form of universal health care in Massachusetts in the next year.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

